

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

February 3, 2011

5:30 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor Donald Kasprzak, Councilors Tim Carpenter (W1), Mark Tiffer (W2), George Rabideau (W3), Jim Calnon (W4), Chris Case (W5), Chris Jackson (W6)

Absent: None

1. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the regular meeting of the Common Council held on January 27, 2011 are approved and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending February 2, 2011 in the amount of \$ 266,703.45 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Jackson

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICES & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- Report of Fire and Ambulance Responses for the week of January 27 – February 3, 2011
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from March 25 – October 19, 2010
- Report from the Building Inspector's Office from January 24 – February 1, 2011

RESOLVED: That the reports as read are hereby ordered, received and placed on file among the public records of the City Clerk's Office.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Calnon

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

4. CORRESPONDENCE & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM BOARDS: None

5. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills approved by the Auditing Committee of the Common Council in the amount of \$ 452,296.27 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk (where required) are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Carpenter; Seconded by Councilor Case
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

6. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL: None

7. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that the Mayor be and is authorized to sign letters of authorization to commence a telecommunications audit by Telesoft Recovery Corp. of New Jersey under the guidelines and fee arrangements of NY State expense reduction services contract 20518.

By Councilor Case; Seconded by Councilor Jackson
Discussion:

Mayor Kasprzak said thank you Keith.

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

B. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves that Project HOME 2009-6 (5497 Peru St – Anna Gaito) be awarded to B & E Development LLC the contract amount is \$19,980. This project will be funded by the 2009 HOME program.

By Councilor Tiffer; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter
Discussion: None
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
ACTION TAKEN: Adopted
Follow up Action: None

8. TRAVEL REQUEST:

A. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves Mayor

Kasprzak to attend the NYCOM Conference of Mayors 2011 Winter Legislative Meeting in Albany, NY from February 27 – 28, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$730.

By Councilor Rabideau; Seconded by Councilor Carpenter

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

9. RESOLUTIONS FOR INITIAL CONSIDERATION:

1. Request from the Community Development Office for a Change Order to Project HOME-5-2009 at 142 Pine Street (Polhemus) in the total amount of \$1430.
2. THE MAYOR HANDS DOWN THE APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATE MEMBER OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO SCOTT DEMANE EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 10, 2011 TO DECEMBER 31, 2012.

Councilor Jackson When is the next Zoning Board of Appeals meeting, do we need to move this?

Mayor Kasprzak said no I don't believe so. Mr. Perry and I have been working on this.

3. Request from Police Chief Desmond Racicot for three police officers to attend the "The New York Association of Hostage Negotiators 6th Annual Hostage Negotiations Conference" in New York, NY from March 14 - 16, 2011 at an estimated cost not to exceed \$2,232.00 and will be paid out of the Asset Forfeiture Fund (Treasury funds).

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Councilor Tiffer said this Monday, **Steve Peters**, the **Mayor**, **John Clute** and myself had a meeting and we discussed some of the issues with the beach concession for this year. **John Clute** sent an email out to all of us right before the meeting and it had some questions and issues that we should address sooner than later. I'll allow everyone to have an opportunity to read it before we really discuss it. But it's something that everyone should be prepared to discuss next week.

Mayor Kasprzak said Mark and Steve had called a meeting and as you all know there's been a company who has been there for quite some time and we have one year then an option year and this is one of those years when we want to put it back out. John listened to our concerns that Mark, Steve and I had and he wrote down some information and we wished you'd all look at it. There's some discussion about separating them all sorts of other things so just look at it. I mentioned you during the conversation because we both worked for NYS Parks and the concession issue was just a no win and for many years in our parks and sites as you know because you were a part of it up here. We just didn't have a lot of success and so that's why Mark and Steve wanted to meet with John and myself. So if you would read it and answer the questions we would be

appreciative of that.

Councilor Jackson said I just wanted to commend **Public Works** during the course of the meeting on a job well done during this week's snow storm.

Mayor Kasprzak said we talked about that a little earlier and Mike and I took a tour today as we always do and quite frankly we had a lot of compliments about how we all woke up today and how much different it was then yesterday. I tried to let everyone know that we can't be everywhere at the same time, but, on the other hand this snow storm was a big one and I think we handled it very well. I stand by our guys and I appreciate their work.

Councilor Carpenter said actually I got a question for you Mike. It just never occurred to me to ask it. This was a pretty good size storm are your guys totally done cleaning up? When will that be?

Department of Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi said no we are going to clean downtown tonight after midnight.

Councilor Carpenter said so tomorrow by 6 or 7 in the morning then the city will be totally cleaned up from that storm.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi said downtown yes. Then we get different spots during the day bad conditions we are cleaning all the time pushing back.

Councilor Carpenter said so you'll have about 2 full days into cleaning just for this storm.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi said yes 2 days.

Councilor Jackson said downtown takes more than a night doesn't it?

Department of Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi said we get the majority of it we try and get the side areas that we can get to.

Councilor Jackson said the parking lot is one thing and then like Clinton Street and Marion and all those narrow ones those are a nightmare.

Department of Public Works Superintendent Mike Brodi said we actually can't clean it until 2 am and then we only have 4 hours to clean it so it puts a little pressure on us.

Mayor Kasprzak said we had 38 cars towed. I don't know how much more we can convince people that it's the North Country you better listen to WIRY, the Press Republican and look on our website and get your alerts and its snowing and it's going to be 6 to 12 inches of snow, I wouldn't think you'd need any prompting to get off the street.

11. CLOSING PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor Jackson; Seconded by Councilor Case
Roll call: Councilors Carpenter, Tiffer, Rabideau, Calnon, Case, Jackson
(All voted in the affirmative)
MEETING ADJOURNED: 5:40 pm